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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/009,539
Filing Date	October 29, 2001
First Named Inventor	Helmut Weiner
Group Art Unit	2625
Examiner Name	James A. Thompson
Attorney Docket Number	P02,0293 -01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (d) (PTO/SB/28) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply – AMENDMENT "B" Accompanying RCE

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) – PTO/SB/08a

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

a. ☐ The RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
The director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 501519.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$790.00 - Enclosed

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☒ Other 3-Month Extension Fee to PTO 10/20/2006 HDEMESS1 00000042 10009539

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,020.00 enclosed

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c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO 2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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